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International Application No.		International Filing Date		Priority Date Claimed				
PCT/CH2006/000070		06 February 2006		07 April 2005				
Title of Invention								
VALVE, IN PARTICULAR FOR A BREAST SHIELD SET								
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US Stefan Vögelin; Urs Stadelmann								
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